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City of Napa Fleet Receives State Recognition for Pollution Prevention

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has certified the City of Napa's fleet operations as another California Green Station. Located at 770 Jackson Street in Napa, the fleet operations for the City joins a growing number of auto repair shops using fewer toxic products in their routine operations. These pollution prevention methods play a significant role in reducing the potential harm to the environment.

"California Green Stations are not only helping keep toxic solvents and fluids out of our landfills, they are allowing consumers to make choices that better protect the environment and public health" said Trina Gonzalez, Deputy Director for DTSC's Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology.

Vehicle service and repair companies, along with auto body and paint shops, earn the California Green Station certification by making a few simple investments that lead to long-term environmental benefits. For instance, the City of Napa Fleet uses special hydrophobic mops to clean up spills or oils or fluids. These mops only pick up oil (not water or coolant) which can then be recycled. Small drips are cleaned up with reusable rags. Absorbent materials are used sparingly, which generates less hazardous and solid waste. The City of Napa Fleet received a letter of recognition and a certificate from DTSC.

DTSC is collaborating with the California Bureau of Automotive Repair to encourage more auto repair shops to participate in the Green Station Program. The California Green Station Program offers training and support to automotive repair shops on how to use pollution prevention measures that eliminate or reduce the generation of hazardous waste and emissions. This often saves them money by having to pay less for hazardous waste disposal

By participating in Green Station Program, City of Napa Fleet has demonstrated its commitment to being green while aiming for innovation and industry leadership. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/VSR/VSR_P2Model.cfm

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The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.